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Correspondents Are Crowded at UN HQ

By AARON EINFRAK

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.

A serious lack of space for the working press at UN headquarters became evident this week as newsmen converged for the opening of the seventeenth session of the General Assembly.

The space problem (inner, not outer) is one that affects all segments of the UN's operations — not only the press. The increasing activities of the world organization and the unprecedented addition of newly-independent Afro-Asian nations has jammed facilities generally.

This week newsmen found part of the assembly press gallery had been ripped out to make room for four new delegations (Ruanda, Burundi, Jamaica and Trinidad-Tobago). Members of the press were shipped up to the first floor public gallery. One of the inconveniences of the new setup is that seats in the public gallery do not have arm rests on which to take notes. Newsmen can't see as well from their new vantage point either.

Office space for newsmen is at a premium, too. There is virtually no space for permanent newsmen to keep various UN economic and statistical reports.

This week American newsmen were

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CELLER'S SUBJECT FOR THURSDAY: DECLINE OF NEWSPAPER COMPETITION

What could turn out to be a vital evening for working newsmen is on the OPC docket next Thursday, September 27. Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.), the speaker, announced this week he would preview the forthcoming Congressional investigation into what Celler calls "the startling decline" in competition among news media.

To the hundreds of newsmen who have lost their jobs in mergers, the issue is the most important professional problem in journalism today.

Celler's topic Thursday will be "Concentration of Ownership and the Decline of Competition in News Media."

After Congress adjourns, Celler will head a House Judiciary subcommittee probe of monopoly practices not only in newspapers but among broadcast media as well. The congressman, in proposing a topic for his OPC appearance, wrote a club official this week that the Antitrust Subcommittee hearings "will revolve around the veritable parade of newspaper

mergers, closings and suspensions in recent years."

Forty years ago, the Congressman wrote, "there were 552 cities in the United States with competing daily newspapers. Today there are only 55 cities with competing dailies. While there are 1,795 dailies in the United States, 95 percent of our cities have no newspaper competition."

Celler said his subcommittee will investigate the "steady increase in the number of newspapers under absentee chain-ownership" which today account for almost half of all daily newspaper circulation. He added:

"The subcommittee is also concerned with the cross-ownership of newspapers by radio and TV stations, and vice versa.

"As of September 1961, 68 monopoly newspapers controlled the only AM radio station in town and in 10 communities, the only daily newspaper controlled the television station."

Please make reservations early.

JOIT THESE DATES ON YOUR

CALENDAR



Sun., Sept. 23 — Afternoon Concert: first of new Fall series. Guest performer will be Joann Grillo, mezzo-soprano. Miss Grillo will be accompanied by Sam Morgenstern, composer-conductor. Time: 4:30 p.m., Tenth-floor Lounge.

Wed., Sept. 26 — Reception and Dinner for Asian Editors from India, Pakistan, Japan, in New York for American Press Institute Seminar. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Charge: \$3.50. Reservations, please. (See page 5)

Thurs., Sept. 27 — Luncheon: World Coffee Agreement. U.S. Deputy Asst. Secy of State for Economic Affairs, W. Michael Blumenthal; Dr. Arturo Gomez Jaramillo, Gen. Mgr. of Colombian Federation of Coffee Growers; others. Reception, 12:30 p.m.

Luncheon, 1:00 p.m. Charge: \$3.50. Reservations, please. (See page 3)

Thurs., Sept. 27 — Open House for Congressman Emanuel Celler (D.-NY), Chairman, House Judiciary Committee, Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Charge: \$3.50. Reservations.

Fri., Sept. 28 — Open House for India's Finance Minister, Morarji Ranchbodji Desai. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, please. (See page 3)

Tues., Oct. 2 — Open House: H.E. Dr. Emmanuel Pelaez, Vice-Pres. & Secy of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines. First of series honoring top delegates to UN General Assembly. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Charge: \$3.50. Reservations, please.

Tues., Oct. 9 — Regional Dinner: Mexico. Entertainment, exotic menu, door prizes. Charge: \$5.00 Member & one guest. Reservations.

Overseas Ticker



Edited by CHEVA ARMOR

MANILA

from HENRY HARTZENBUSCH

Recent doings at the Manila Overseas Press Club include visits from Bob Shaplen, New Yorker; Rohan Rivette, IPI International president, who also attended the club's annual Presidential Dinner on September 4.

President Diosdado Macapagal of the Philippines addressed a capacity audience and dealt with Philippine foreign policy. He reiterated the country's firm and unwavering policy of freedom of the press and assured the club that there would be "no repetition of the Jim Bell case." Bell was barred from entering the Philippines under the previous administration after Time Magazine published an article highly critical of former President Carlos Garcia.

There were about 185 members and wives and a few guests at the dinner including Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs Salvador P. Lopez.

Your correspondent is leaving now (September 13) for Hollandia to cover the turnover of West New Guinea from Dutch administration to United Nations control.

LONDONfrom JAY AXELBANK

Prince Philip has accepted an invitation to speak at a luncheon meeting of the Association of American Correspondents in London on November 7 at the Savoy Hotel.

The Association is also planning to give a farewell luncheon to John Russell, head of the Foreign Office news department and press spokesman for Foreign Secretary Lord Home. Russell, well known to American newsmen in London, has been appointed ambassador to Ethiopia.

Robert Elson, Association president and Time-Life London bureau chief, has just returned from six weeks in Rome where he worked on an article on Pope John XXIII Sitting in for him during his absence was Murray Gart, bureau chief in Chicago In other Time news, **Bob Ball** has been transferred from Bonn and Charles Champlin from Los Angeles.

Time foreign editor Henry Grunwald through London on European swing.

The Soblen case has provided the unexpected for the wire services as well as for the authorities. The AP's **Tom Reedy**, who planned to fly to New York with Dr. Robert Soblen early this month, ran into luggage difficulties when the ailing spy took drugs and missed the Pan Am flight. Reedy's luggage was already on the plane, and it went to New York before it could be retrieved. Pan Am officials quickly got it back across the Atlantic for him.

For the UPI's Harry J. Stathos, newly arrived from the NY cables desk, the Soblen case has meant many long hours. "Just when I thought he was going to be on that flight and this assignment ended, he takes the drug", said Stathos. "I have practically lived at London airport waiting for him to leave the country - in vain."

PARISfrom BERNARD S. REDMONT

Paris correspondents are indirectly involved in the filming of a news motion picture, "In the French Style," directed by Robert Parrish from an Irwin Shaw story about a girl painter's love affair with an American correspondent.

Stanley Baker plays the correspondent and Jean Seberg the girl. Jane Eakin Kleiman, pretty, talented artist-wife of CBS bureau chief **Robert Kleiman**,

UPI SCENE SHIFTERS

Jay Axelbank, London overnight editor of UPI, has arrived in Moscow on a temporary assignment which will last until approximately the end of the year. He will be in the Soviet capital in the absence of Robert Korengold and, following his return, that of Joseph Smith. Axelbank has been in UPI's London bureau for three years. He also was with International News Service in Tokyo, prior to the merger with United Press. . . . Patrick J. Killen has been named UPI manager for Singapore and Malaya. Killen has been manager of the New Delhi bureau and, before that, was UPI's manager in Pakistan.

has been commissioned to do about 20 canvasses which Seberg "paints" in the film, including a "self-portrait" of Jean.

The Left Bank courtyard house of Joe and Naomi Barry is being used as the exterior of Jean Seberg's studio. Joe is NY Post columnist, and Naomi is NY Herald Tribune Paris edition columnist.

Jane and Bob Kleiman live on the top floor of the apartment house on the rue de l'Universite, where Jane has a rooftop studio. Kleimans are back from a short vacation in the south of France and Barrys from vacation in Spain and Portugal. Naomi has been traveling in the Far East, including exotic Macao.

Other vacationers: Henry Giniger, NY Times, golfing in Paris; **Harry B. Ellis**, Christian Science Monitor, and **Robert Farrell**, McGraw-Hill World News, both back from home leave in U.S.

Bernard S. Redmont, AFP-Westinghouse, also back from six-week vacation in U.S., spent mostly in Vermont. His son, Dennis is entering Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism on International Fellows program.

Joseph Grigg, UPI European chief, had a few days in Normandy and Brittany, but no vacation as yet, while UPI bureau chief Paul Eve has been on Spain's Costa Brava and Elie Maissi in Italy Robert Ahier, ex-UPI Paris, dropped in to say hello from his new job as PRO for UN in Geneva. **Thomas Curran**, UPI vp, passed through Paris on way to South Africa and Argentina.

Bernard Frizell, who succeeded **John Rich** as NBC Paris chief, had a vacation in St. Tropez, while Rich went to Maine for holiday and then on to new post in Tokyo. Frizell was recently featured on French RTF network and Radio Luxembourg panel shows.

Lou Cioffi, ABC European chief, quips that he "can't afford a vacation" (Cont'd on page 6)



Manila OPC President's Night: (l. tor.) Joaquin Rocas, MOPCveep and publisher, Manila Times; Mrs. Nancy Hartzzenbusch; Pres. and Mrs. Macapagal; and AP's Henry Hartzzenbusch, MOPC pres.

Editor This Week: Bernard Morris
Bulletin Committee Chairman
Charles Justice
Managing Editor: Lucille G. Pierlot



NCC DELEGATION LUNCHEON, Sept. 17; (l. to r.) Ashby E. Bladen; Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw; Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake; Dr. Conrad Bergendoff; Mary Hornaday, *Christian Science Monitor*; Dr. R.H. Espy; Will Oursler; Dr. Paul B. Anderson; and George Dugan, *NY Times*.

U.S. CHURCHMEN PRAISE DOGGED FAITH OF RUSSIANS

Six American church leaders, members of a 13-man National Council of Churches deputation to the churches of the Soviet Union, paid tribute to the "stubborn faith and faithfulness of millions of Soviet citizens" at an OPC Open House press luncheon Monday, Sept. 17.

It is this faith, which actually protects the church from total elimination, they said.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief executive officer of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S. and former President of the NCC, chaired the group and served as its spokesman. The OPC meeting was the first general press conference held by the delegation, which spent three weeks studying the status of religion in the USSR and conferring with leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church.

A return visit by Russian churchmen is scheduled for early 1963, Dr. Blake, stated. It will be led by Archbishop Nicodem, head of the Russian Orthodox Church's Dept. of External Church Relations.

Dr. R.H. Edwin Espy, Associate General Secretary of the National Council, reported that the American delegates and the Russian Orthodox leaders with whom they talked had agreed to recommend a continuation of "church-to-church" visits and to expand them to include exchanges of specialists, such as theologians or Christian education experts, professors and theological students and exchanges of literature.

Besides Dr. Blake and Dr. Espy, other members of the delegation who attended the press conference were: Dr. Paul B. Anderson, specialist on Soviet affairs and consultant to the National Council on relations with Orthodox and other Eastern churches; Dr. Conrad Bergendoff, Executive Secretary of the Lutheran

Church in America's Board of Theological Education; Ashby E. Bladen, vice-president of Aetna Insurance Company and United Church of Christ layman; and Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw of Wilmington, N.C., of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Dr. Bergendoff, in answer to a question about available information sources in the USSR, said "the only English language paper found most places is the *London Daily Worker* -- we talked with supposedly informed Soviet citizens who did not know that Khrushchev had broken the atom testing moratorium, and had not heard that there is a wall in Berlin."

Other points stressed by the delegation:

Soviet churchmen are loyal to their government, although not approving its atheistic ideology.

The average Russian citizen is genuinely concerned with peace; in spite of "controlled isolation" and "distortions of facts...it is a mistake to dismiss their endless talk of peace and disarmament as mere propaganda."

Though there is "continued and even increased party pressure," the churches in 1962 are "in some respects stronger" than they were when an earlier NCC delegation visited the USSR, in 1956.

They concluded that the "continued existence of vital churches in the Soviet Union, despite all party pressures and campaigns against them, is one of the forces that may in the long run modify ideology and policy."

The luncheon was presided over by James Sheldon, Open House Committee chairman. Arrangements for the event were made by Fletcher Coates, director of information of the NCC.

Top India Statesman Club Guest September 28

India's Finance Minister, Morarji Desai, frequently mentioned as one of the two leaders most likely to succeed Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, will be guest of honor at an OPC Open House reception and dinner Friday, Sept. 28.

Dr. Desai has a long and distinguished record in the cause of Indian independence.

One of the early supporters of Mahatma Gandhi, he gave up an important civil service post, and was thrice imprisoned during the thirties. Later, he was "detained" for three years in connection with the 1942 Civil Disobedience movement.

Since 1931 he has been a member of the politically potent All India Congress Committee, has served as a Member of Parliament, and headed the departments of Revenue, Commerce and Finance -- the latter, since 1958.

His present visit includes attendance at meetings of the World Bank. Mr. Desai visited OPC once before, in 1960, and judging from the record, a full turn-out is anticipated. Principal members of India's Washington Embassy and of the UN delegation will be head table guests. Please make reservations early.

EXPERTS TO DISCUSS COFFEE PACT AT OPC

The OPC will play host to the principal negotiators of the newly-drafted World Coffee Agreement at a luncheon Thursday, Sept. 27 -- the day before the pact is to be signed at the United Nations.

Delegates to the NU meeting which negotiated the agreement will discuss it and answer questions. Among those expected to attend are U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs W. Michael Blumenthal and Dr. Arturo Gomez Jaramillo, general manager of the Colombian Federation of Coffee Growers.

The agreement, after ratification, is expected to help arrest Latin America's current slide into economic depression. Experts consider it a model for other commodity agreements that may change the nature of international trade.

Fifty-six consuming and producing countries negotiated the pact. Coffee is the largest commodity in international trade, second in importance only to petroleum.

Coffee prices affect economic stability in a dozen Latin American countries. Today the Common Market, Africa, the U.S. and Latin America all have extremely important political and economic interest in the World Coffee Trade.

The OPC Inter-American Affairs Committee, which is arranging the luncheon, urges members to reserve early.

Press Freedom in the Hemisphere Subject of Panama Meeting

By BOLESŁAW WIERZBIANSKI

The questions of freedom of information and the responsibilities of working newspapermen in the Western Hemisphere were the subject of the Second Seminar of the Inter-American Federation of Working Newspapermen's Organizations (IAFWNO) held in Panama August 3-13, 1962.

Fifty-six participants representing 24 countries from North and South America and the Caribbean attended the meeting. OPCers *Leon Dennen*, *John Luter*, *Nicholas Pentcheff* and *Boleslaw Wierzbianski* were among the lecturers.

Two years ago during the founding Congress in Lima, the IAFWNO embarked on a long-range project of seminars aimed at strengthening the solidarity of newspapermen of the Hemisphere, improving their mutual relations, and broadening the scope of activities of newspapermen's professional organizations. In accordance with the program, the first seminar took place in Puerto Rico in June, 1961, and was dedicated to the professional and union side of the newspaper movement.

This year's seminar was dedicated to the broader problem of freedom of information, flow of news in the Hemisphere and newsmen's responsibilities.

Freedom of information is a basic principle on which free societies are built. It is also an important element of international and hemispheric understanding. These are undoubtedly the reasons for totalitarian and communist regimes attempting to annihilate that freedom by establishing their own controlled instruments of information. The struggle for freedom of information is as old as the press.

Historic Aspects Studied

For these reasons, the seminar in Panama studied the concept of freedom of information in its historic aspects. Lecturers on the subject were John Luter, former OPC president, and James W. Markham of Pennsylvania State University.

Other topics of discussion were: pressures on the press based on law; on political considerations of governments; economic and other pressures deriving from various monopolies — private, governmental and advertising, etc. The main speakers in this field were Jose Figueres, former President of Costa Rica, and Professor Feliks Gross of New York University.

In order to understand the machinery of pressures on the press in totalitarian countries, Leon Dennen and Nicholas Pentcheff acquainted participants on the position of the press in the Soviet Union and communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The role of the UN,



Opening of seminar at Hotel Panama Hilton: (l. to r.) Panama President Roberto Chiari; Luis Botello; Nicholas Pentcheff; B. Wierzbianski; and Miss Elizabeth Wierzbianski.

UNESCO and other international bodies concerned with freedom of information also was under study.

The second part of the seminar was of a workshop nature, with discussions on the flow of information among countries of the Hemisphere, international communications media, press agencies, radio and TV. Speakers on these subjects included Luter, Markham and Wierzbianski.

Role of Journalists

The role of professional organizations of journalists in defense of freedom of information, as well as the position of that freedom in the Hemisphere, also was discussed. Leading speakers in this area were Luis Carnero Checa of Peru, Charles A. Perlik of the American Newspaper Guild, and Joaquim Neyra of the Argentinian Federation of Newspapermen.

The Sindicato de Periodistas de Panama played the role of host to the participants, turning over the Casa de Periodistas in Panama City to the seminar. Louis M. Botello, chairman of the Sindicato, and Jose A. Caja Escalpa, Sindicato secretary, were in charge of arrangements.

The seminar was opened by Panama President Roberto Chiari at a Panama Hilton Hotel reception. During the meeting, participants were the guests of many local organizations. They visited the Canal Zone and the City of Colon, and had a press conference with President Chiari.

The seminar was followed by the Second IAFWNO Congress which took place in Bogota August 17-20.

Here the discussions included: economics conditions of working newspapermen in the Hemisphere; freedom of the press and the responsibilities of the newspapermen; and inter-American cooperation. One of the most important resolutions accepted was the establishment of an Inter-American Defense Fund

to help newsmen achieve a better standard of work. A resolution concerning the role of the press and newspapermen in the social and economic progress of the Hemisphere also was accepted.

The Congress took note of a number of violations of press freedom in Haiti, Paraguay, Peru (where it called for reparations by the military junta for damages done to the newspaper, *La Tribuna*), and especially Cuba (where it issued a special plea for the lives of two young newsmen who are scheduled to be executed by the Castro regime and for the release of imprisoned newsmen).

The Bogota Congress was opened by Colombia's President Guillermo Valencia who also held a press conference — the first of his new administration — with the participants at the meeting.

President Valencia repeated the invitation he extended to American newsmen during his press meeting at the OPC in July — that they visit Colombia. He spoke hopefully of the economic, social and cultural development of his country and offered the attending newsmen the chance to tour Colombia in his private plane.

New Committee Named

The new Executive Committee also was elected at the Congress, with the four main officers left unchanged:

Co-Presidents — Luis Carnero Checa of Peru; Charles Perlik, American Newspaper Guild.

Treasurer — Nicholas Pentcheff, Union of Free Journalists in U.S.A.

Secretary-General — Alberto Schtirbu of Argentina.

Among the Vice Presidents — the Congress also elected Mario Barrera, president of the Colegio Nacional de Periodistas de Cuba en el Exilio.

Re-elected as Chairman of the Committee on Exchanges & Seminars — Boleslaw Wierzbianski.

EX-CORRESPONDENTS REMINISCE ABOUT D-DAY

By JESSIE STEARNS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Reminiscences of D-Day by *Cornelius Ryan*, author of the book and movie, "The Longest Day," fascinated the 100 OPCers and guests present at a Carleton Hotel luncheon here Tuesday, Sept. 11, honoring the film's heroine, cast and author.

Ryan, former OPC veep, still feels he is only a reporter, although he covered D-Day — June 6, 1944 — as a 23-year-old British war correspondent.

His introductions and commentary took us back to 18 years ago. The former war correspondents felt they were again witnessing D-Day operations.

Chairman of the event, Ambassador *Angier Biddle Duke*, Chief of Protocol, Dept. of State, presented plaques from the OPC Washington Committee to the honored guests: Mme. Janine Boitart, who was cited for her bravery in underground work which saved the lives of 68 allied airmen shot down in Normandy; and French actress *Irina Demich* who portrays the heroine, Mme. Gille, in the soon-to-be-released movie.

Seated at the head table, in addition to Ambassador Duke, Mme. Gille, Mlle. Demich and Ryan were: Monsieur Gille, captain in French Air Force intelligence; Philippe J. Fink, commercial printer from Lancaster, N.Y., who was saved by the heroine; Col. Benjamin H. Vandervoort, paratrooper who broke his ankle in his jump and fought 40 days without seeing a doctor; war correspondent *Kenneth Crawford* of *Newsweek*; interpreter *Mary Gardiner*; *Michel Cieplinski*, Deputy Director, Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, State Dept.; and *Harold Marshall* and *Ernie Johnson* of 20th Century Fox, producer of the film.

In the spellbound audience was Adm. *John Leslie Hall, Jr.*, (ret.) who directed naval operations on June 6, 1944.

Sen. *Howard W. Cannon* (D-Nev.), who was shot down in Holland and escaped



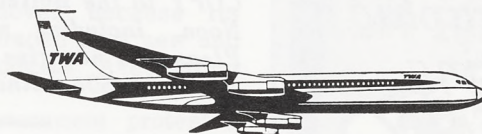
"LONGEST DAY" LUNCHEON, Washington, Sept. 11 - OPCers (l. to r.) *Jewel de Bonilla*; *Michel Cieplinski*; *Jessie Stearns*; *Amb. Angier Biddle Duke*; author *Cornelius Ryan*; former AP correspondent *Ruth Cowan Nash*; and British war correspondent *Iris Carpenter Akers*.

through the underground, hosted a reception Tuesday evening in the U.S. Capitol. Among others present here were: Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee; officers of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines; correspondents; and other senators—including Majority Leader *Mike Mansfield*, Minority Leader *Everett McKinley Dirksen*, Senators *Hubert Humphrey*, *Stephen Young* and *Alan Bible*.

French Ambassador and Mme. *Herve*

Alphand honored those connected with the film and OPCers at another reception given at the Embassy. Here, five American soldiers, in addition to *Fink*, met Mme. *Gille* under far more pleasant circumstances than 18 years ago. They were *Edward Nabozny* of *Depew, N.Y.*; *T/Sgt. Joseph Shandor*, *Selfridge AFB, Mich.*; *Frank J. Wingerter*, *Erie, Pa.*; *J.T. Riggins*, *Dallas, Tex.*; and *Alfred Sukorvski*, *Middletown, Conn.*

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Asian Editors to Meet Press Members Sept. 26

Fourteen newspaper executives from India, Pakistan, Japan, Malaya and Hong Kong, in New York to attend the American Press Institute's two-month Seminar at Columbia University, will be special guests of the OPC at a reception and dinner Wednesday, Sept. 26.

The evening should provide a mutually helpful exchange of professional information between the outstanding Asian newspapermen and our press members.

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DISTAFF DATA

There are now 421 women members in the OPC. Membership classification breaks down this way:

- 190 Active
- 216 Associate
- 15 Affiliate

On the basis of 3,200 OPC membership, women comprise less than 15% of the total. For 1962-63, there are two women officers on the Board.

BEQUEST FOR OPC

The OPC was bequeathed \$100 and ten copies of the book, "God Help America," by Sydney Alexander Moseley, one of the Club's founders.

Moseley died in England last year.

LOST!

A black onyx antique cameo brooch with gold trim. Heirloom. Finder, please return to R. Lee, Room 84, OPC, or to Club's Reception Desk.

TICKER (Cont'd from page 2)

since sending his pretty wife off to holiday in her native Japan.

John McGivern, Press Wireless chief, vacationed on the Italian Adriatic coast.

NBC commentator Ben Grauer in town for interviews with French government officials, while his interior designer wife Melanie Kahane was shopping for antiques for her re-do of the Beverly Hills hotel.

Handsome new \$5,000,000 nine-story Time and Life building will open this autumn on the Avenue Matignon, off the Champs Elysees. Time, Inc., will occupy top three floors. Other organizations will have office space. NBC will move in about November, to bigger quarters than their present Champs Elysees address.

John Crosby, NY Herald Tribune columnist, setting up home in Paris after summer in Spain . . . Marcel Wallenstein, Kansas City Star, back from assignment in Spain . . . Larry Collins, Newsweek chief, back from assignments in Algeria and Turkey . . . Myra Waldo, food and travel editor, in Paris on European swing.

WASHINGTON. from JESSIE STEARNS

Mrs. Iris Carpenter Akers is an information specialist with the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare. She was previously with the U.S. Information Agency.

Plans for the Journalism Hall of Fame for war correspondents were revealed on September 13 at historic South Mountain in western Maryland. The structure will rise next to the fieldstone arch erected in 1896 as a tribute to journalists who covered the Civil War. Memorialized will be American writers who have reported wars in the past century.

"Washington Coverup" by Cowles Publication correspondent Clark Mollenhoff received excellent press reviews. The author deplores the extent to which the news is withheld from the public by government officials and attacks an exaggerated notion of executive privilege.

Jewel de Bonilla is editor of the English and Spanish editions of a new publication entitled "Weekly Report: Alliance for Progress — Public Opinion and Activities."

Published by a new office of the Pan American Union, known as the PAU Clearing House for Information on the Alliance for Progress, the Report's primary purpose is to disseminate public opinion analyses and published, broadcast and televised information on the Alliance. Jewel invites OPCers to write for copies of either edition and to send clippings of published news stories, articles and editorials to be included in the weekly report. Her address is: PAU Clearing House for Information; 1725 K Street, N.W.; Washington, D.C.

PEOPLE & PLACES

TRAVELING: In Chen back in NYC after round-the-world-trip gathering material for new book...Billboard's European director, **Arthur Rosett**, leaves London Oct. 1, for 3-month tour of continent to call on Billboard Music Week writers and gather info for 1963 "Who's Who In World of Music" to be released Dec. 28...**Mort Gudebrod**, Stars & Stripes, Paris, in NYC on home leave through early Oct, reachable at OPC...Foreign News Service ed-in-chief **Boleslaw Wierzbianski** recently in Peru on business...**Geraldine Fitch** last week flew to Michigan for talks before Detroit Rotary and radio interview on WJR...**Harry W. Flannery** off Sept. 23 for four weeks in W. Germany taping interviews for ABC's "As We See It," Washington Reports, AFL-CIO public service programs, and KMOX St. Louis.

BOOKS: "Whirlaway Hopper" by **Gregor Ziemer** and wife **Edna** just published by Bobbs-Merrill...NANA and Bell Syndicate education editor **Benjamin Fine** has latest book, "The Modern Family Guide to Education" syndicated in papers throughout the U.S.; appeared recently on WCAU Philadelphia for discussion on problems highlighted in book...**Roland Gammon**, just back from Europe, where he interviewed **Julian Huxley** and **Andre Malraux** for his new book, "Faith Is A Star."

ARTICLES: Next month's Outdoor Life features "Rescue By A Fisherman" by **Harry Bruno**...Germany's news magazine Spiegel of Sept. 12 featured article on German-U.S. attitudes by **Julius Epstein**...**Barrett Gallagher** had 16-page pictorial on Fleet Ballistic Submarine Training Center at New London in Sept. Proceedings of U.S. Naval Institute; also has 8-page color folio scheduled for Nov. Fortune...**Hans Knopf** had picture layout in last week's SatEvePost illustrating diet of a jockey, "Native Dancer's Eric Guerin."

RADIO-TV "The OPC Cookbook" was topic on recent **Barry Gray** show and **Casper Citron** Show with guests **Sigrid Shultz**, **Madeline Ross**, **Richard de Rochemont** and **Fred Kerner**...**Harry Kursh** interviewed over eight radio programs on recently published book, "The Franchise Boom"...**Bob Considine's** evening news commentary for Mutual of Omaha, "On The Line With Considine," moves from NBC to ABC Oct. 1.

NEW POSTS: Press relations for NY State Assn. of Magistrates and their 53rd convention this month being handled by **Martin A. Bursten**...**Dorothy Gjersten** joined staff of Glendale (Ariz) Herald, will write under former overseas name of **Dorothy Fischer**.

Going Going - -Flite '63

"OPCers are well-known for knowing good things when they see them," reported Charter Flights chairman **Madeline D. Ross**, "but I was amazed and gratified to find that 87 paid reservations were made during the first week after announcement of the May, 1963, Charter Flight to Rome. These results sure prove that *everybody reads the Bulletin!*"

As of September 18, only 50 seats remain for sale on the BOAC Boeing 707 Jet leaving Idlewild May 17, return from London, June 16.

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riled when the U.S. delegation began its daily briefing in the basement rather than on the convenient second-floor briefing room below the press section. And it was a matter of speculation one time this week whether the American delegation might have to transfer briefings to its UN mission because of space problems. However, the UN agreed to turn the former quarters of the UN Correspondents Association Press Club into a briefing room.

But now the UN is faced with a Canadian revolt which dwarfs the U.S. complaint.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation expanded its UN News coverage this year and consequently sent more staffers to its office. However, the UN moved CBC out of its office recently and into a much smaller room. Then the Voice of America took over the CBC office. The VOA moved because its office was being displaced by a new and larger UN Correspondents Association Press Club.

The Canadian government protested on behalf of CBC to the UN but the UN stood firm. Canadian newsmen at the UN say their External Affairs (Foreign) Minister, **Howard Green**, is expected to make things hot for UN officials when he arrives this weekend.

Because of the space problems, newsmen wishing to attend UN sessions are advised to arrive early for the few available tickets. And God help us all if **Khrushchev** comes.

NUPTIALS: **Ronald S. Bonn** wed to **June Marcia Weinstein** in NYC Sept 9.

STORK CLUB: Hong Kong became more crowded when **Roy Essoyan** and wife **Betsy** became parents of **Stephen Jonathan**, their fourth...addition to family for **Thelma (Hepburn)** and **Doug Allis** -- new son, **Doug**, Aug. 1...Twins, **Amy** and **Wendy**, born Sept. 5 to **Shirley** and **Carl Bakal**.

POTABLES: All OPCers invited to Swiss wine tastings by **Elliseva Sayers** in Boston Oct 16 and Chicago Nov 7; write for invites from her at 727 Park Ave., New York 21, N.Y.

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ACCOLADES FOR OPC DEAN, BERT CROCKETT

By ERNIE WEATHERALL, CBS

In room No. 59 of the Overseas Press Club is an 89-year-old man, whose eyesight is rapidly fading. Yet he is young in heart because last week he resumed his writing career after ten years of a silent typewriter.

He is *Albert Stevens Crockett*, dean of the OPC... whose memories go back to the turn of the century, when he worked for James Gordon Bennett, the younger, publisher of the old *New York Herald*.

Sitting in his room, among his memories, Bert beamed when he told me, "This is a special day... I have sold my first article in ten years. The money wasn't very much but being able to write, and to sell again, made the check I received worth all the money in the world."

"Of course," he continued, "I must depend on my 'write' hand — my girl Friday, Jean Liefeld — but I hope to complete my book on the old Waldorf with her help."

The book, which was originally called "Peacock Alley — the Intimate Story of the Waldorf-Astoria," had to be changed. Another book came out with the same title some years ago.

"A great deal of the material in it was mine," Bert said. And the publishers must have realized it, too, because they settled with him for a few hundred dollars, "Guess they thought I was dead," he chuckled.

Back in the 1920's, Bert wrote a book about the fabled boss of the *Herald*, called: "When James Gordon Bennett was Caliph of Bagdad." A new book about Bennett came out recently which mentioned Bert 17 times.

"They just took the quotes out of my old book," he explained. "I thought about suing, but my good friend *Bob Considine* said it's hard to put a lock on words if you're writing about a public figure. It's all but impossible to prove that what you write is anything but public domain."

Bert became a newspaperman in Philadelphia at the turn of the century. "I had been, of all things, a teacher. But I always had my heart set on being a reporter." But Bert wasn't interested in staying in Philadelphia. New York was the goal of every newspaper man, much the same as it is today.

"One day," Bert recalled, "I wrote a brazen letter to James Gordon Bennett at the *New York Herald*. The letter read: 'Have you room at the *Herald* for a man willing to work?' The reply came back to Philadelphia: 'Yes.'" This eventually ended in a 10-year association with the *Herald*.

"There were 12 or 13 newspapers in New York then," Bert pointed out.



Surprise Party Sept. 13 - Guest of honor Bert Crockett and Bob Considine listen as Jack O'Dwyer, *Journal American*, plays Bert's song, "Defend Our Land."

"The names of many of them — the *Globe*, the *Mail*, the *Press* — have long been forgotten."

Bert covered Europe for the *Herald* and some of his by-lined stories are now framed and line the walls of his room. "You know, it took me years to get a by-line," he told me. "They just didn't give them out unless you were a Richard Harding Davis."

Davis was Bert's idol. After many years of hero worship, Bert finally met him. "I knew at that moment why he was a great foreign correspondent," he said. "He was a gentleman. You see, reporters in those days were a pretty rough bunch. They were considered in the class of teamsters or street gangs. But Richard Harding Davis was just at ease with royalty as he was on a police beat."

Bert parted company with the *Herald* to start an ill-fated venture called The Marine News Associates. He bought a small yacht he called the "Inquirer", and met all the boats coming into New York, in order to cover arriving celebrities. "The company drowned in red ink," he said sadly. "And I was so broke I had to live on my yacht for many years."

Then he connected with the old *New York Sun* where he did a sort of Meyer Berger column about New York. Then he went with the *New York Times*.

"That was my last newspaper job," he said. "I left the paper back in 1915 because I couldn't make a decent living. Where did I go? Well, you might call it public relations today."

Bert's big account was the old Waldorf-Astoria which was always good for a news story. "It was a grand old hotel, but after the war the management let it go downhill. I suppose the neighborhood was changing and they saw that it would only be a matter of time before the hotel

would be sold."

There were few dry eyes among the staff when it was announced that the building would be torn down to make way for the tallest building in the world, the Empire State Building.

Bert was actively engaged in public relations until after World War II when he handled the Biltmore. "That was my last job," he said. "My eyes started to get bad, and I had to give it all up."

Last Thursday, his friends gave Bert a surprise party at the Club. Bob Considine presented Bert with a magnum of champagne. He was given a new RCA tape recorder, also. *Jack O'Dwyer* of the *Journal American* played a song Bert had composed during World War II which was played on the networks just after Pearl Harbor, called "Defend Our Land."

Bert has been taking lessons on how to operate the tape recorder from the factory representative. "This is a marvelous invention," he told me. "I don't know why every writer in the world doesn't use one."

Bert spends his lonely, dark hours listening to the "talking books." Both the record machine and the records are supplied by the New York Public Library for the Blind.

"I'm learning through my ears now instead of my eyes," he added. "You're never too old to learn."

Bert certainly doesn't look as though he were a decade away from the century mark. "What's the secret of not looking your years?" I asked him.

"Well, I always try to keep neat and clean," he said. "Too many old people get disinterested in life and sloppy. And I always like to look forward to the future. In fact, after selling that article the other day, I'm looking forward to resuming my writing career at age 89."